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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos. Thirty One

Part B for May 45

SUBJECT

Requisitioning lorries engaged in coffee transport.

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To

The Secy to Hon'ble the President.

S.R. 7586 / C 205-43-34 dt 31.5.45

Intimating that D.C. Kadur has been instructed not to requisition them

Rg. Sharma Rao
2.6.45

Letter no J2. C 3289/43-44 & 23-1-44 from the Dist Magistrate, Kaira Distt in the matter of requisitioning the lorries engaged in the Carriage of coffee work.

(1) The DC. Kaira Distt has stated that only lorries running empty are requisitioned and that the transport of Coffee is not interfered with on this account. He says that if the lorries engaged for transporting coffee are not requisitioned even when they are running empty it will dislocate the work of transport of food grains etc as there is only one lorry (which is stated to be used in working case) at his disposal He has further stated that lorries are not requisitioned for more than one trip and that too only when the lorries is not in a hurry and the transport of Coffee can wait

(2) If approved, the Deputy Controller of Coffee will be consulted whether he will be agreeable to the lorries engaged in the carriage of coffee work being requisitioned when they are running empty etc.

(3) The D.C.S may arrange to meet Mr. Vellodi and come to an agreed understanding re- A.

(C.C. Dev. Secy) MSS 2/2

(SM) Send a copy of the letter to Mr Vellodi for his remarks

Ce 2/2

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Subs with a draft letter from Deputy Controller of Coffee. Boards

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Issue letter no 5209/C205-43-5 dy 5.2.44 to the Deputy Controller of India, Coffee Boards, Bangalore, forwarding a copy of the letter from D. C. Kadur, for favour of remarks

Letter dy 23.2.44 from the Deputy Controller of Coffee on the above subject

(7) The Deputy Controller of Coffee is keen in favour of lorries engaged in the carriage of coffee being requisitioned for the transport of foodgrains and desires that orders already passed should remain in force and should also be extended to Mysore where the coorg lorries are being commandeered by the D.C. Mysore. The transport of foodgrains must have priority at the present juncture as the new harvest crop has to be moved from place to place. The D.C. Kadur has stated that only lorries running empty are requisitioned and that the transport of coffee is in no way interfered with. It is for consideration whether the Deputy Controller of Coffee and Coorg to be requested to discuss the question with the Deputy Controller of Coffee and Coorg to take decision in the matter

(8) Dev. Secy) Mss 26/2

26/2 2 (9) Commr. Dte, Mysore

(10) WD 01809—GPB—60,000—26-1-43 Ce

Subs with a draft letter to the Dc. Mysore 29/2 Dra

29/2 2 Issue Mss 29.2

No. S.D 5867/C 205-43-7, dt 1.3.1944, To the D.C. Mysore forwards Copies of the above letters for remarks, in the matter of Commandeering of lorries carrying coffee from Coorg to Mysore.

Letter no. SL 2037, dt. 12-12-1944 from the Controller of coffee, stating that the trouble has started again, and the DCs' of Kadur, Hassan and Mysore Dists may be given special instructions not to interfere with Coffee transport.

(11) Necessary instructions have already been issued to the DCs' of Kadur & Hassan dts in this behalf (Vide letter dt 10-1-44 - flag S) If approved their attention will be invited to this.

(12) As regards Kadur Dist, the D.C stated* that discretion might be given to him to Commandeer lorries for not more than one trip and that too when the driver was not in a hurry and the transport of Coffee could await ese. But the controller of Coffee, who was consulted in the matter opined* that the orders already passed, should be insisted upon till the transport of Coffee from the estates is Completed and it should be extended* to Mysore this Dy Commr's

(13) Regarding Mysore Dist, ~~this~~ Reply to this office letter dt 1-3-1944 is awaited. Five reminders (two D.O.Ltrs) have been issued.

* Flag K

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* Flag N

(14) If approved Copy of the letter now received from the Controller of Coffee will be sent to the DCs of Kadur, Hassan and Mysore for remarks

16/12 (15) May be sent to the D.F.S for immediate enquiry and Report.

(16) Dir. Secy) (17) yes 28/12 1985 16/12

28/12

(18) Subs with a draft letter to DFS. Done 28/12

28/12

My dear Mr. Issued letter no. S.S 3695/C205-43-9 dy 2.1.45 to D.F.S. forwarding a copy of letter dy 12.1.45 from the Controller of Coffee and requesting to issue special instructions to D.C's of Kadur Hassan & DFS, not to interfere with coffee transports

Also no. 22266-9 2.1.45 from the Controller of Coffee. Steamship and Sailing Vessels engaged in the transport of coffee from Kadur & Hassan Dists have been commandeered for food transport and their work is very urgent. What necessary instructions may be issued to the Officers Concerned

(19) The previous Communication from the Controller of Coffee on the above subject

has been sent to the D.F.S. for enquiry and report. If appears the present Communication from the Controller of Coffee will be sent to the D.F.S. in connection therewith.

(20) Noted with a draft letter to the D.F.S.

4/1 (21) The Controller of Coffee will be informed, if approved, that his matter is being urgently worked with.

Mar 5/1/45

4/1/45 Dep. Sec. Draft for approval Mar 5/1/45

Issued letter no. S.D. 37.91/C 205-43-11 dt 5-1-45 to the D.F.S. forwarding a copy of Coffee Controller's letter dt 2-1-45 & requesting to expedite the report.

(22) Submitted with a draft to the Controller of Coffee.

5/1/45 (23). Mar 6/1/45

Issued letter no. S.D. 38/35/C 205-43 dt 6-1-45 to the controller of Coffee, Indian Coffee Board stating that the matter is being urgently looked into

(24) Issued and resubmitted for perusal

6/1 8/1/45 Dep. Sec. Mar 8/1

(25) Letter no T.R.C. 3066/44-45 dt 12-1-45 from the D.C. Kadur in the matter.

(26) It will be seen from the Kadur D.C's letter that no Sea Convoy engaged in the transport of Coffee crop has been requisitioned

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And that the complaint is due to the vigorous action taken by the D.S.P. to enforce payment of ~~tax~~ vehicle tax as the lorries were in question evaded payment. If approved, the Controller of Coffee will be informed of this.

May perhaps be omitted as not communication to Coffee Controller 19/1 yes Ce 26/1

(27) In reference to the suggestion of the D.C. Kodagu that the lorries of British India entering the Mysore State shall pay vehicle tax before they enter the State, this will be referred to the Traffic Board Office for such action as is necessary

(28) yes Ce 28/1

Dev. Sec. 18/1 Dy SS 19/1

(29) Ce 29/1

(30) Submit with a draft letter to the Controller of Coffee

(31) Agreed to take action as proposed

27/1

re reject to Traffic Bd

29/1

No SD 4460/C205-43-15, dt. 29-1-45, To the Controller of Coffee, Indian Coffee Board, Bangalore,

States that no lorries engaged in the transport of Coffee crop are requisitioned in the Kodagu Dist.

Traffic Board Office for taking extract of paras 27-28 above. Cent returning the file

Dy Secy, Traffic Bd 30/1
W.C. 30/1

Submit for perusal before taking extracts

dt 30/1

30/1

Extracts taken & file returned

dt 31/1

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1579

OFFICE OF THE ...Secretary.....Mysore Traffic Board.

File No.
Current No. of 194 .

Subject in brief.

Lorries of South Kanara District requisitioned by Mysore authorities

Received on .....

From .....

Worked up and submitted on.....

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Letter no. 62.45/Judl., dated --- January 1945 (received on 24th January 45) from the Secretary to the Resident, forwarding a copy of letter of the Madras Govt., Home Department, objecting to the ~~requisition~~ commandeering of South Kanara District lorries by the District Magistrate, Kadur

Some of the lorries of South Kanara District employed in transport of coffee from estates in Mysore, are said to have been commandeered by the District Magistrate, Kadur probably for food-grains transport. The Madras Government have protested and state that such requisitioning has caused serious dislocation in the carriage of the coffee crop. They request that ~~not~~ no vehicles of the Presidency may be commandeered by the State authorities and that they further state that the State vehicles are also exempted from being requisitioned under the Defence of India Rules.

The lorries registered in the S. Kanara district and commandeered, are requested to be released expeditiously

Submitted for orders. ~~Letter to the Dy. Comr~~

GS. 29/1/45. ~~Be advised not to commandeer~~

orders authorising D.C's of Dist to commandeer lorries have been

Note.—Contn. Sheet.

issued from the Supplies Secretariat. If approved, the present Prefce from the Residency may be transferred to that Sectt for necessary.

HHH 30/1/45. For favour of taking further action in the circumstances represented above

Asst. Secy Supplies Dept) Hrs 30/1/45.

SUPPLY SECRETARIAT 31 JAN 1945 D No 44. 25/re

Mlos 31/1.

So far as this Dept is concerned, the D.C. Tiaoun has reported that stores engaged in the Carriage of Coffee crop are not requisitioned by him for the transport of passengers in his Dist. The reply from the D.C. Mysore is awaited.

The main file on the above subject has been referred to Traffic Board Office. Necessary action will be taken on receipt of the file from the Traffic Board office.

Pl. ask them to expedite its return Mlos 1/2

Asst

07 31/1/2

Traffic Board office forwarded returning the main file referred to their office on 30-1-45 with D.no 40401

2/2 2/2 The main file referred to above is linked hereto

HHH 9/2 Supplies Sectt.

1/1/5 Requisitioning of lorries of South Canara Dist employed for transporting coffee

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Endorsed letter no 62-65 from the Secretary to the Hon'ble Mr Secretary in Mysore forwarding a copy of a letter from the Chief Secretary Madras regarding the requisitioning of lorries of South Kanara Dist engaged in the transport of coffee.

The deputy Controller of Coffee (at Nellore) has addressed Mr Chief in this connection and a copy of his Communication has been forwarded to the D.F.S for a report so far as Kadur Dist is concerned, the D.C. Kadur has reported that lorries engaged in the transport of coffee crop in his Dist is not being requisitioned by him.

If approved a copy of the Residency letter may be forwarded to Mr D.F.S. for favour of remarks urgently as consultation with the D.C. Kadur who is Bangalore for the D.C's meeting.

10/2 Jes 10/2

Submitted a draft letter to the D.F.S.

10/2

Issued letter no. S.D. 4797/C205-43-18 dt 10.2.45 to the D.F.S requesting to favour Govt with his views re: release of South Canara lorries requisitioned by D.C's of Mysore & Kadur D.F.S letter no Fc 3542/44 dt 20.2.45 from the D.F.S stating that it is understood from the D.C's of Mysore & Kadur who were in Bangalore

12/2

(Mr Mysore D.C. is at Mysore!)

Dated letter no 2812 dt 2.2.45 from the Deputy Controller of Coffee forwarding copy of Communication received by him in connection with the requisitioning of lorries

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Requisitioning of lorries of the South Canara dist for food transport work

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In the 10th inst that no. coffee lorries of South Canara have been either requisitioned or Commandeered by them in their dists for food transport work

If appeared the Residency w'd be informed accordingly - Note pencilled letter dated 8/2 (illegible)

Kind reference is invited to the enclosure to this letter. Peirce Leslie & Co have Complained that Coffee lorries are being Commandeered by the D.C. Kadur. This has been supported by the D.M. South Kanara. Also vide a Communication from Koltari the Controller of Coffee specific instances of Commandeering have been quoted. In view of these, it is surprising to hear that the D.C. Kadur maintained that 200 Coffee lorries of S. Kanara had been Commandeered. F

Instead of informing the Residency that no lorries used for the transport of Coffee been Commandeered, it seems desirable to send a copy of the letter from the Coffee Controller dated 2.2.45 & its enclosure to the D.C. Kadur and to request him to explain how in the face of these specific instances cited it can be maintained that no Commandeering was resorted to. F

Dep. Secy.) 27 FEB

MIS 27/2

yes C 28/2

Draw 28/2

Issue with a draft letter to the D.C. Kadur

18/2

27/2 2/3/45 MIS 5/3

Issued letter no. S. D. 5527 / C 205-4B-20 dt 9.3.4
to the D. C. Kadur requiring how in the face of
the specific instances of commandeering of lorries
cited in the enclosed letters it could be maintained
that no commandeering was resorted to.

Sept 9/3

Letter no F. C-3066 / Secret dt 8-3-45
from the D.C. Kadur referring the requisitioning
of lorries of South Canara for
requisitioning of foodgrains in the Kasaragod dist.

The D.C. Kasaragod state that
no lorry of South Canara engaged in coffee
transport has been requisitioned except
in one or two cases when the lorry was
returning empty and the driver of the lorry
agreed to run it for transporting foodgrains.

As regards the requisitioning of
lorries belonging to messrs Peirce Leslie & co Ltd
Mangalore and Volkart Bros Mangalore
the D.C. does not definitely say how
many of the lorries belonging to these companies
have been requisitioned.

For more as regards the reply to be sent
to the Planters' Association — Vide Planters' Association Secretary's Note Page

12/5 the report of the Superintendent of Police
Kasaragod shows that the lorries of South
Kanara were used for food transport-
work with the consent of the persons in
charge of the vehicles.

Reject is submitted to paragraph 3 of the
D.C.'s letter dated with reject & the
complaints of Volkart Bros and Peirce
Leslie & co. The D.C. may be requested to

requisitioning of lorries by the South Canara Dist for food transport work

to submit a definite report regarding the specific complaints made by the two Companies

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12/5

Correct A may be done in favour. | Not necessary, there is quite a bundle of files & any correspondence in it is to be sent to Govt. Ce 15/5

Kind reference is solicited to the Madras Govt (Home Dept) letter 'E' dated the 10th January 45, according to which the Madras Govt. have instructed all their District Magistrates, that motor vehicles registered in or belonging to persons of Indian States, should not be requisitioned under the D. of I. Rules. Whether as a measure of reciprocity Similar instructions may not be issued to our District Magistrates as requested in para 2 of that letter is a point for consideration. This will not, however, prevent the Dist. Madras from securing South Kanara Lorries voluntarily offered by the Owners of those lorries.

MSS 12/5.

Dev. Secy.) Though in this case the State that no such lorries have been requisitioned, it is now admitted that in a few instances these lorries were used for food transport work in an emergency "with the consent" of the owners! It is difficult to believe that such consent could be readily given. The Dist. may be definitely told that when lorries owned by persons belonging to Indian States are used for food transport without a reference to the Govt. of India, they may be treated as requisitioned & that persons whose lorries are exempt from requisitioning in the Madras Province.

Ce 15/5 Mss

Dev Secy. to PL see me.

DEWAN'S OFFICE
16 MAY 45
NO 8116

FOR P... MAY 7 1945

MSS 19/5. Ce 21/5

Memorandum

The D.C. may be informed that as the lorries that Lorries are exempt from requisitioning as the Madras Province, the Lorries of S.K. should not be made use of for local purposes without consulting the D.C. Magh of S.K.

Ca 29/5
Mas 29/5

Let with, two drafts — one to D.C. Kasaragod / and another — to the Resident

Mas 30/5.

29.5.9

Issued letter no. S. 8. 7583 / C 205-43-22 dy 31.5.45 to D.C. Kadur stating that Lorries registered in South Canara should not be requisitioned for local purposes.
Issued letter no. S. 8. 7586 / C 205-43-23 dy 31.5.45 to the Secy to Hon'ble the Resident stating that necessary instructions have been issued to D.C. Kadur —

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Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

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D. M. 3.
No J2. C. 3850/43-44.
ENCS:

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
KADUR DISTRICT.

31 JAN 1944

GOVT OF
31. JAN 1944

Dated Chikmagalur, 29th Jan. 44.

FROM
D. No 5083/43
The DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
KADUR DISTRICT.

TO

The CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.
Development Department BANGALORE.
(Supplies)

SIR,

With reference to your letter No.S.D.4524-25/C.205-43-3 dated 10th January 1944, stating that Lorries engaged in the carriage of Coffee are requisitioned for Food Transport work, I have the honour to state that the representation is not quite correct as lorries running empty are requisitioned and that the Transport of Coffee is in no way interfered with. I may add in this connection that if the lorries engaged for transporting coffee are not requisitioned even when they are running empty it will badly dislocate the work of transport of food grains etc., from place to place in this district as there is the only one Government lorry at my disposal & is also not in good order. The lorries are not commandeered for more than one trip and that too only when the driver is not in a hurry and the transport of coffee can wait. The fear that the lorry may be comandeered at any moment has

further

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SUBJECT.....

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4/2/44.

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue.... 5/2/44.....

Signed by..Mr. ms Swaminathan

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Section C
File No. 265-43
Serial No. 5

No. SD 5209

To

The Deputy Controller of Grain
Coffee Board, Bangalore

Subject:- Requisitioning of boxes engaged
in the transport of coffee -

Sir,

With reference to correspondence
ending with your letter no SL. 315
on the above subject
dy 12-1-44, I am directed to
forward herewith herewith a copy
of letter no J 2 C 3289/43-44 dy
29-1-44 from the Dy Comr
Kanara Dist and to request you
to be so good as to favour this
Govt with your views on the proposal
contained in the DC's letter

Yours
JMZ
for S
6 Govt
Accountant
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Office of the Deputy Commissioner.
Mysore District,
Dated, Mysore, the 8th Feb. 1944.

No.CS10-1459/43.

To

M/s. K. Deviah & Nanjappa,
Old Agrahar, Mysore.

You are hereby requested to place Lorries noted in the margin at the disposal of Mr.H.Niranjan Raj Urs, Food Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, immediately from to-morrow for transport of paddy from Coorg.

MYS/A1341
CG/A 141
CG/A 195

The Lorries shall run under the direction of the Food Assistant and if any complaints are received that the lorries, on flimsy grounds, cannot run or otherwise unable to run for obvious reasons, the permits for the lorries will be cancelled in Mysore District for an year.

COPY

Sd/- C.M.H. Ranajodh Singh.

Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore Dist.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District,
Dated, Mysore, the 8th Feb. 1944.

.CS10-1459/43/ a

To

Mr. M.R. Narayana Singh,
Roopa Nilaya, Narasimharaja Mohalla, Mysore.

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MYS/A3211.
CG/A 229
CG/A 256

The Lorries shall run under the direction of the Food Assistant and if any complaints are received that the lorries, on flimsy grounds, cannot run or otherwise unable to run for obvious reasons, the permits for the lorries will be cancelled in Mysore District for an year.

COPY

Sd/- C.M.H. Ranajodh Singh.

Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore Dist.

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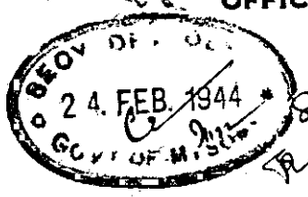
Tele-{grams : ~~Cofeessecom~~ "COFCONTROL" phone : 2266

G.L. No. 76

INDIAN COFFEE ~~MARKET EXPANSION~~ BOARD

OFFICE OF THE ~~DEPUTY~~ CONTROLLER OF COFFEE.
BANGALORE.



Dated 23rd Feb., 1944.

D. No S 655/20

From

Diwan Bahadur M. V. Vellodi,
Deputy Controller of Coffee.

To

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Development Department,
B A N G A L O R E.

Sir,

COMMANDEERING OF COFFEE LORRIES.

I have the honour to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter No.S.D.5209/C.205-43-5, dated the 4/5th February, 1944, calling for my remarks on the suggestion of the Deputy Commissioner of Kadur in regard to the orders passed by the Government in their No.S.D.4524-25/C.205-43-3, dated 10th January, 1944.

2. I am of opinion that the orders passed should remain in force till the transport of coffee from the estates is completed. I have just returned from a tour in the Coffee growing areas in Coorg and find that the planters are experiencing very great difficulty even there for want of adequate transport arrangement.

3. The commandeering of coast lorries in Mysore has lead to serious difficulties in the allotment of coffee this month. The Coast Curers received coffees late and they were unable to turn out cured coffee sufficient to meet the demands of the trade and so I could allot only 500 tons, where perhaps I should have allotted 1500 tons.

4. If the orders passed are modified and commandeering resor-ed to again, there will be more difficulties ahead in the supply of coffee to the public.

5. While the Mangalore lorries are, I presume, free from commandeering, the Coorg lorries are being commandeered by the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore. A copy of his order to the Chamundi Curing Works is enclosed. I have no doubt that these orders were necessary but I crave the indulgence of the Mysore Government to treat Coffee in the same manner as it is treating Rice in the matter of transport.

6. I, therefore, submit that the orders passed should remain in force and that it should be extended to Mysore.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

M. V. Vellodi.

DEPUTY CONTROLLER OF COFFEE.

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Appendix F. G.—1]

SUBJECT.....

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Despatched 13.11.41

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

General and Revenue Secretariat

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the *194* .

Date of issue.... 13.11.41

Signed by..Mr. MS Gnanamuthanam
Assistant Secretary

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Section C

File No. 205-43

Serial No. 7

No. S.D.5867/Govts Instr.

To

The D.C. Mysore

Sir,

I am directed to state that as a result of representations made ~~in connection with the Commandeering of~~ to Govt by the Controller of Coffee Stocks engaged in the carriage of coffee were being requisitioned ~~for the transportation~~ for the transportation of foodgrains, instructions were issued in this office letter No S.D. 65-24 (vide endorsement) C 205-42-3 dt 10.1-42, to the DC's of Kadur & Hassan directing that the special transport ~~was~~ traffic consignment to Stocks to take Coffee Stocks should be interfered with. In this connection I am to state that the delay

bankers of Coffee, Jardin Coffee Boards
has informed that the bags loans
are being Communicated by you for (five extracts of his letter enclosed (pp 2 - 5)
the transport of food grains and has
requested that the orders of 10.1.66
Communicated to M/s Ghulam Hassan
and Kasim referred to above may be
extended to him also. I am therefore
to request you to favour Govt
with your views on this proposal

Request
MSS 29/12
D.O. to Govt
Secretary

29/12

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

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No. S.D.5867/Encls

General and Revenue Secretariat

Dated, Bangalore, the 29th Feby. 194
1st March

From

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.
Development Department.
(Supplies).

To

The Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District,
MYSORE.

Sir,

I am directed to state that as a result of representation made to Government by the Deputy Comtroller of Coffee, Bangalore, that lorries engaged in the carriage of Coffee were being requisitioned for the transport of foodgrains, instructions were issued in this office letter No.SD.4524/C.205-43-3 dated 10-1-1944(vide copy of the letter enclosed) to the Deputy Commissioners of Kadur and Hassan directing that the special transport traffic coming into the State to take Coffee should not be interfered with. In this connection I am to state that the ~~ex~~ Deputy Controller of Coffee, Indian Coffee Board has informed that the Coorg lorries are being commandeered by you (vide extract of his letter enclosed) for the transport of foodgrains and has requested that the orders dated 10-1-1944 communicated to the Deputy Commissioners of Hassan and Kadur referred to above may be extended to Mysore also. I am therefore to request you to favour Government with your views on this proposal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For Secretary to Government,
Dev. Deptt.(Supplies).

DN:

Letter No.SD.4524-25/C.205-43-3 dated Bangalore, the 10th January, 1944 from the Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Development Department(Supplies), Bangalore to the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur and Hassan Districts.

I am directed to state that the Deputy Controller of Coffee, Indian Coffee Board, has brought to the notice of Government that lorries engaged in the carriage of coffee crop are requisitioned by you for transporting foodgrains before being permitted to continue their journey. I am to state that the special transport traffic coming into the State to take coffee should not be interfered with.

The Deputy Controller of Coffee has also suggested that the carts leaving the State with down loads of coffee may be allowed to take through the frontier limited quantities of gram for their cattle and rice for the cartment, at the rate of three seers of gram per cart per day and rice at half a seer por head per day. I am to state that you may issue permits in regard to these at your discretion, to the extent necessary.

"Copy"

For Secretary to Government,
Development Department.
(Supplies).

DN:

Letter No.G.L.No.76 dated 23rd February, 1944 from the Deputy Controller of Coffee, Bangalore, to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Development Department, Bangalore.

Commandeering of Coffee Lorries.

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2. I am of opinion that the orders passed should remain in force till the transport of coffee from the estates is completed. I have just returned from a tour in the Coffee growing areas in Coorg and find that the planters are experiencing very great difficulty even there for want of adequate transport arrangement.

3. The commandeering of coast lorries in Mysore ha led to serious difficulties in the allotment of coffee this month. The Coast Curers received coffees late and they were unable to turn out cured coffee sufficient to meet the demands of the trade and so I could allot only 500 tons, where perhaps I should have allotted 1500 tons.

4. If the orders passed are modified and commandeering resorted to again, there will be more difficulties ahead in the supply of coffee to the public.

5. While Mangalore lorries are, I presume, free from commandeering, the Coorg lorries are being commandeered by the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore. A copy of his order given to me by the Chamundi Curing Works is enclosed. I have no doubt that these orders were necessar but I crave the indulgence of the Mysore Government to treat Coffee in the same manner as it is treating Rice in the matter of transport.

" Extract "

For Secretary to Government,
Development Department.
(Supplies).

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C205-43-8 S.L.No. 2037. 9

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SECRETARIAT

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER OF COFFEE,
BANGALORE.

Dated Decr. 12, 1944.

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D. No. 3429/S0 From

Diwan Bahadur L.V.Venkodi,
Controller of Coffee.

To

The Secretary to the Government of His
Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Development Department (Supplies),
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to request a reference to your letter No.S.D.4523/C205-43-2 dated 10th January 1944 in which the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore were pleased to direct the Deputy Commissioners of Kadur and Hassan Districts not to interfere with the Special transport traffic coming into the State to take coffee. This trouble has started again as is evidenced from the telegrams that I have received today which read as follows:-

(1) "COFFEE LORRIES ARE AGAIN ARBITRARILY STOPPED IN LYSORE FOR PADDY TRANSPORT STOP PLEASE OBTAIN UNDISTURBED PASSAGE FROM MYSORE GOVERNMENT STOP MATTER URGENT AND SERIOUS".

(2) "RECD KADUR AUTHORITIES REQUISITIONING SOUTH KANARA LORRIES STOP CONTINUANCE THIS PRACTICE WILL RESULT CHAOS AND DETERIORATION CROP STOP PLEASE APPROACH GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY SECURE EXEMPTION LORRIES ENGAGED CARRYING COFFEE CROP".

2. I shall be grateful if the Government will give special instructions again to the Deputy Commissioners of Kadur and Hassan Districts as well as Mysore not to interfere with coffee transport.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

CONTROLLER OF COFFEE.

Copy, together with copy of letter No.S.D.4524-25/C205-43-3 dated 10th January 1944 from the Secretary to the Govt.of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Development Department, forwarded to the Deputy Commissioners of Kadur and Hassan Districts.

SECRETARIAT

To

The Secretary,
Central Road Traffic Board,
Chepauk, M a d r a s.

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No. 35 44/W

The undersigned lorry owners in the South Kanara District beg leave to represent the matters detailed herebelow for your kind consideration and to seek redress of their grievances.

1. That most of the motor lorries registered in South Kanara District are used for the transport of goods to the Mysore Province, more especially for the transport of coffee from the Mysore Estates to the Mangalore Port and of manure and other essential commodities from Mangalore to the said Estates.

2. That such transport business is done under contracts executed between the lorry owners of the one part and the coffee curers, namely, Messrs Peirce, Leslie & Co.,Ltd., Volkart Bros., P.F.X.Saldanha & Sons, Aspinwall & Co., Ltd., and others of the other part. That one of the essential conditions of such contracts is that the coffee should be conveyed from the estates to Mangalore before the end of a stipulated period.

3. That since October 1943, the Revenue and Police Officers in the Kadur and Hassan Districts of Mysore State began to detain the lorries engaged in the transport of coffee for purposes of transporting food-grains to their villages. This affected seriously the work of transporting coffee and on a representation made to the Mysore Government by the Deputy Controller of Coffee, the Government of His Highness, the Maharaja of Mysore was gracious enough to issue the following order to the Deputy Commissioners, Kadur and Hassan Districts:

> "I am directed to state that the Deputy Controller of Coffee, Indian Coffee Board, has brought to the notice of Government that lorries engaged in the carriage of coffee crop are requisitioned by you for transporting food-grains before being permitted to continue their journey. I am to state that the special transport traffic coming into the State to take coffee should not be interfered with".

4. The petitioners submit that even after the said orders were passed early this year by the Mysore Government, the lorries entering the Kadur District from the Charmadi Section for the carriage of coffee are without exception detained and utilised by the Mysore Governement servants for the transport of food-grains. This course has resulted in the following hardships:-

(a) The lorries being engaged for a considerable time in the transport of these food-grains from village to village, the petitioners find it impossible to transport the coffee in time as per the Schedule set out in their contracts with the curers.

(b) The so-called village-roads over which the lorries are ordered to be driven for the transport of food-grains are merely rough tracks unfit for motor traffic and the tyres get soon worn out on such tracks. Some of the petitioners have found it difficult to obtain permits from the Secretary, Central Road Traffic Board to replace these worn out tyres on the ground that the mileage calculated as per the petrol supplied to the lorries in question according to the coupons issued in British India falls far short of the mileage that is expected to be run before the tyres could wear out. The said Secretary has pointed out that he cannot take into account the trips made by the lorries with the petrol supplied by the Mysore Government for the purpose of transporting their food-grains, though as a matter of fact, the tyres were certified to be worn out and unserviceable by the Police authorities in South Kanara. This has resulted in the garaging of some lorries which should otherwise have been utilised for the

transport of coffee and had led to dislocation of traffic.

(c) At times even the petrol is not supplied and as a result the petitioners are deprived of the use of the petrol legitimately obtained by them under coupons issued by the British Government. Such instances are however, very few.

5. Thepetitioners beg to take this opportunity to bring to the notice of all concerned authorities to the objectionable treatement meted out to the drivers and conductors employed by the petitioners by the Police Officials in the Kadur District, especially by the A.S.P., Kadur. The lorries are detained whenever the Police find them and the goods loaded in the vehicles are ordered to be unloaded on the very spot where they are detained, even though it be on the open roadside. The petitioners beg to point out that as public carriers they have a statutory duty for the safe delivery of the goods entrusted to them, and though it is stated that they are posting a man to guard the goods, the petitioners submit that the method employed by the Police of Kadur is not sufficiently assuring. Any protest on the part of the drivers or conductors of the lorries on this score or otherwise is met with the utmost ferocity. The permits of the lorries and the licenses of the drivers are forcibly taken away, and the drivers and the conductors are led to the police lock-up and there beaten severely, while all along the lorry is made to stand idle on the roadside. The A.S.P., Kadur, it is reported to the petitioners by their drivers and conductors, is particularly insolent and bullying and he appears to take particular delight in boasting that he would make the lorry owners in South Kanara to jump into the Arabian Sea along with their lorries and their drivers and conductors. The petitioners humbly take leave to point out that such action on the part of a responsible Officer like the A.S.P. cannot but lead to similar use of violent language and acts on the part of the subordinate officials. As a result, the petitioners beg to state that the drivers and conductors employed by them have intimated that they would be obliged to go on strike if steps are not taken to protect them against the ill-treatement, harassment and beating at the hands of the Kadur police.

6. The petitioners also take leave to record herein another grievance of theirs against this Kadur District Officals. In the beginning when lorries began to be requisitioned for transport of food grains, not even an acknowledgement was granted by the authorities from October 1943 till April 1944 in respect of the trips made under requisition. Since April 1944 a sort of an acknowledgement of the trips is given. Though from the beginning they were promised reasonable hire, for the said trips, no payment has yet been made to any of the lorry owners or their drivers or conductors, by the concerned authorities. Any demand made by them, has been met by abuses and kicks and sometimes even by detention in the lock up. The petitioners cannot believe that it is intended that the trips should be free, especially when they were told that the hire would be paid. They cannot further believe that no arrangement has yet been made by the Mysore Government for the payment of the hire. The communications addressed by some of the petitioners to the District Magistrate, Kadur, in this matter have not been replied to or even acknowledged. The petitioners submit that this is a matter which also needs immediate investigation.

7. The petitioners have taken leave to represent these matters here without reserve before the concerned authorities because the position has become unbearable at the present day. The petitioners are not aware that the orders of the Mysore Govt. to the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur, quoted in para 3 above have been in any manner abrogated or modified. They further cannot

believe that the Mysore Government have not, even now after the lapse of 15 months made proper arrangements for the regular and systematic transport of their food-grains and that they are permitted the local officials to make arrangements at their full discretion. Even so the petitioners find it hard to believe that the entire arrangement could be so hazard and left to the sweet will of the man on the spot. The number of trips, their timings and the manner in which they are enforced are determined by the sweet will and fancy of the A.S.P., Kallur, who perhaps, honestly believes that in these matters, his will is the law. The petitioners have already pointed out how any whisper of protest is silenced by the most ruthless methods. The petitioners beg leave to point out that the Mysore Government could have in consultation with the neighbouring Governments and the interests concerned brought into existence a more systematic and effective, yet at the same time a less objectionable mood of transport for achieving their objects.

8. The petitioners, therefore, pray that in the interests of motor transport, this matter may be taken up by the Central Road Traffic Board with the Mysore Authorities and steps taken to end the practice of requisitioning lorries that enter the Mysore Territory for the conveyance of coffee and for the redress of their other grievances.

9. Any communication in the above matter may kindly be made to the Secretary, Lorry Owners' Association, Mission Street, Mangalore.

Mangalore,
Dated 13-12-1944

P. T. O.

Copies communicated to:-

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Madras, Madras
2. The Chief Secretary, Mysore Government, Bangalore
3. The Coffee Controller, Indian Coffee Board, Bangalore
4. The Road Traffic Board, Mangalore, S.Kanara
5. The Secretary, Coffee Curers' Association, Mangalore
6. The Inspector General of Police, Mysore State, Bangalore.

(Sd) by Secretary

No. Pt 3695 enc / C 205-43-9

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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The D.C.

Sir,

In continuation of this office memo no D.O. 6526 9/10. 1. 46 forwarding copy of letter no S.D. 4524-2 C 205-43-3 9/10. 1. 46 addressed to the D.C's of Kaira & Broach in the matter of requisitioning bullocks engaged in the carriage of coffee crop, for transporting foodgrains I am directed to for favour of ~~[illegible]~~ requisitioning transport send herewith for A copy of a letter no S.L. NO 2037 9/12-12-46 from the Controller of Coffee bringing to notice cases of interference with the passage of Kaira & Broach ~~[illegible]~~ bullocks with the special transport ~~[illegible]~~

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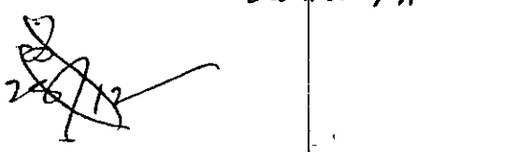
Coming into the Store
Take Coffee and register
Next Special instructions
may be issued to Dept
of Liaison & Assistance
Not to interfere with
the Coffee transport



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INDIAN COFFEE BOARD

Office of the Controller of Coffee,

BANGALORE, DATED 2nd Jan. 1945

From

Diwan Bahadur M.V. Vellodi,
Controller of Coffee.

To

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
Development Department (Supplies,)
BANGALORE.

Sir,

Sub:- Requisitioning of South Kanara lorries for transporting foodgrains in Mysore State.

I have the honour to invite reference to my letter No.S.L.2037 dated 12th December 1944 and to request that I may kindly be informed of the action taken by you in the matter.

2. From a copy of a letter addressed by the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District, to the District Superintendent of Police, Chikmagalur, No.J2.C.3066/44-45 dated 15th December 1944, I understand that instructions have been issued to the Police Authorities that South Kanara lorries engaged in the transport of Coffee from Kadur District should not be commandeered for food transport and other work. No such order however, appears to have been issued by the Deputy Commissioner in the Hassan District. In the meantime the following telegram has been received by me from Mangalore:--

"CHIKMAGALUR LICENSING OFFICER REFUSES RENEWAL PERMIT OUR COFFEE LORRIES UNLESS EACH MAKES MONTHLY FIVE TRIPS ACCOUNT MYSORE GOVERNMENT STOP PLEASE INTERVENE URGENTLY".

p.t.o.

3. The situation created by the refusal of the authorities concerned to renew the permit for South Kanara lorries except under certain conditions is very serious and this refusal is quite contrary to the spirit of the order issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District.

4. I shall be much obliged if this matter is taken up immediately and necessary instructions issued to the authorities concerned.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

M. V. Vishwanath.

CONTROLLER OF COFFEE.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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No. D.S.

Subj. Requisitioning of Coffee lorries for food transport work.

In continuation of my office letter no. S.D. 3695/C205-43 dated 2-1-45, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of further letter no. S.L. 22668 dated 2-1-45 from the Controller on the above subject regarding requisitioning of Coffee lorries. It is stated that South Kanara lorries engaged in the transport of coffee from Kadur and Narsimharajapura have been commandeered for food transport and other work and arrangements for necessary instructions may be issued to the authorities concerned.

I am to request you to be so good as to expedite your report in the matter.

Memo dated 3791/C1 8/5/45

Copy to Mr. Kadur for information with a copy of the letter from the Controller.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Despatched 6/1/45

Subject: Requisitioning of South Kanara lorries for transporting of foodgrains in Mysore State

To,

The Controller of Coffee
Indian Coffee Board
Bangalore

Sir,

With reference to your letters no SL 2037 dy 12.12.44, and SL no 2266 dy 2.1.45, on the above subject, I am directed to state that the matter is being urgently ~~looked into and a reply will be sent to you shortly.~~ being given attention.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
for Secy to Govt
Dev Dept (Supplies)
6/1/45

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C205-44-13

(C.F. No. 45)

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Telegram / phone

OFFICE OF
the Director of Food Supplies
in Mysore, Bangalore,

No. Trc.3405/44 3970/pc
Encls.

Date 9th January 1945.

To

The Deputy Commissioners of Hassan and Kadur districts.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a copy of letter no.SD.3695/C.205-43-9 dated 30th December 1944/2nd Jan.1945 from the Secretary to Government, Development Department (supplies), Bangalore, together with its enclosures, in the matter of interference in your districts with special transports coming into the State from outside to carry coffee and to request you to kindly send a detailed report explaining the circumstances under which the transports coming into your districts were pressed by you for transport of paddy etc., on several occasions. As a report is due to Government and communication thence to the Coffee Controller, I request you to kindly send the report very early.

2. I would like to point out that as this is a matter which is said to endanger the coffee crop, the lorries coming into the State specifically to take coffee loads should under no circumstances be interfered with. I would suggest that all the local resources of transport be tapped by you vigorously for foodgrain transport in your district.

3. The matter may be treated as very emergent and a report as requested sent very early.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- G. Sundara Rao,

Director of Food Supplies.

DV.3 TPC. 3405. 10.1.45

Copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments, to the Secretary to Government, Development Department (Supplies), Bangalore for favour of information with reference to his letter no.SD.3695/C.205-43-9 dated 30-12-1944/2-1-1945. The final reports will be sent immediately after receipt of particulars from the Deputy Commissioners concerned.

Director of Food Supplies.
For (Abstract from Head Quarters).
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Subs for perusal. The receipt of final report will be awaited. Pl. remind in a week's time

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No. Sec. 3066/1944-45

Encl. one Memo dtd.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
KADUR DISTRICT,
CHIKMAGALUR, Dated 12th Jan 1945.

To

The Secretary to Government
Development Department (Supplies),
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. SD. 3695/C. 205 43-9 dated 30th December 1944 addressed to the Director of Food Supplies, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of my letter addressed to the Director of Food Supplies. A similar reply has been sent to the Controller of Coffee long before. I may mention in this connection that Mangalore lorries have been evading payment of vehicle tax and the present complaint to the Controller of Coffee by them is due to the vigorous action taken recently by the District Superintendent of Police to enforce payment of tax.

In this connection, to prevent leakage of Revenue to Government, I wish to suggest that the lorries of British India entering Mysore State should pay vehicle tax before entering the Mysore State and that no such lorry which has not paid the tax should be allowed to enter the State.

SUPPLY SECRETARIAT
15 JAN 1945
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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District.

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G. N. NAGARAJA RAO. Esq., M.Sc.,
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
KADUR DISTRICT.

Chikmagalur, Dated 12th January 1945.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter No. T.R.C. 3405/44-5 dated 10th January 1945, I write to state that it is ascertained from the Taluks that no lorry engaged in the transport of coffee crop was requisitioned and lorries which had contravened the conditions of the license and those which had no license were stopped. The allegation that Controller of coffee seems to have been made by parties who were breaking the law and who were running the lorries without obtaining a permit and paying the necessary tax.

Yours sincerely,

Sd. G.N.Nagaraja Rao,

G. Sundara Rao, Esq., B.A.,
Director of Food Supplies in Mysore,
Bangalore.

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Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District.

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OFFICE OF the Director of Food Supplies in Mysore, Bangalore.

No. Trc.3405/44 4080 Date 15-1-1945.

To The Secretary to Government, Development Department (Supplies), Bangalore.

Sir,

Requisitioning of coffee lorries for food transport work in Hassan and Kadur districts.

With reference to your letter no. D.3791/C.205-44-11 dated 5th Jan.1945 on the above subject, enclosing a copy of letter no.SL.2266 dated 2nd Jan.1945 from the Controller of Coffee, I have the honour to state that the Deputy Commissioners of Hassan and Kadur districts have been requested to send their reports in the matter immediately.

The final report from this office will be made soon after receipt of particulars from the Deputy Commissioners concerned.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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for Director of Food Supplies.

DV.3. for 15.1.45 (Issued from Head quarters)

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No. Rev. 444a C 305-43—15

29/1/45

Requisitioning of Lorries for the transportation of foodgrains in the State.

The Members of Coffee Planters Co-operative Board Bangalore

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter no RD. 3825-C 305-43- dated 6-1-45 I am directed to inform you that it is understood that no lorries engaged in the transport of Coffee Crop are requisitioned in the Kadur Dist.

A further communication will be sent in respect of lorries engaged in the carriage of coffee crop in Hassan & Chikmagalur Dists.

for Secretary

C205-45-1b

No. 62-45/Jud. Pol 2185

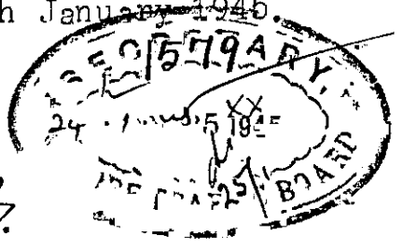
From The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore
To The Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Law Department.

Bangalore, January 1945.

Motor Vehicles - Lorries of the South Kanara District - Requisitioning by Mysore authorities.

Sir,

I am directed to forward for the views of the Government of Mysore a copy of a letter from the Government of Madras, Home Department, Ref.No.38836 B/44-2, dated the 10th January 1945.



I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

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Letter from the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Home Department, Ref.No.38836 B/44-2., dated the 10th January 1945.

Motor vehicles - Lorries of the South Kanara district - Requisitioning by Mysore authorities.

Messrs. Peirce Leslie and Company Ltd., Mangalore, and Volkart Bros., Mangalore, have represented to the District Magistrate of South Kanara that South Kanara lorries employed for transporting coffee from the estates in Mysore to the Coffee Curing Houses at Mangalore are being commandeered by the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur district, Mysore, and that this has caused serious dislocation of the transport of the crop. The District Magistrate of South Kanara reports that such commandeering has been going on off and on for some time and that he has sent a telegram to the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur district, that this practice appeared objectionable.

2. I am directed to request that the Mysore Government may be moved to issue instructions to their authorities not to requisition lorries registered in Madras Presidency without reference to the District Magistrate of the District where they are registered. I am to add in this connection that the Madras Government have issued instructions to all their District Magistrates that motor vehicles registered in or belonging to residents of Indian States should not be requisitioned under the Defence of India Rules.

I am to ask that the Government of Mysore may be requested to release such lorries registered in the South Kanara district as have been requisitioned by their officers, as expeditiously as possible.

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Office of the Controller of Coffee,
Indian Coffee Board,
BANGALORE, DATED 2.2.1945

From

Diwan Bahadur M.V.Vellodi,,
Controller of Coffee.

3. FEB. 1945

The Secretary to the Govt. of
His Highness the Maharaja of
Mysore, Development Department
(Food. Supplies),
BANGALORE.

Sir,

Sub: Requisition of South Canara lorries for the transportation of foodgrains in the State.

I have the honour to acknowledge with thanks your letter No.SD.4460 dated 29th January 1945, and I take the liberty to submit copies of communications received by me on this subject for the information of the Government.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

M. V. Vellodi

CONTROLLER OF COFFEE

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Copy of communication dated 11th December 1944 from Messrs. Volkart Brothers, Mangalore, to the Controller of Coffee.

"Transport

"Lorry drivers report that their vehicles are being stopped, unloaded and forced by Mysore State Officials to transport foodgrains and sugar -- before they are allowed to proceed to their destinations. The centre of trouble seems to be at Kotegehar, but lorries are liable to be stopped at Bankal, Mudigere and elsewhere in the District.

"For example, MDX 781 which proceeded to "Hoolihundloo" on Friday the 8th instant was stopped at Kotegehar and had to proceed to "Hoolihundloo" under a police guard. After discharging her upload at "Hoolihundloo" she was requisitioned for 2 days' paddy transport and was only then allowed to return to "Hoolihundloo" for her download of Coffee. The week before a lorry belonging to our contractor was used for paddy transport upcountry during an entire week. Drivers who do not obey instantly are abused and intimidated. The matter has become so bad that we have had to give an escort to 2 lorries which are proceeding to "Doddengooda" Estate this evening. We have no illusion about escorts; they have no means of stopping officials especially if the latter are backed by Government. We would therefore request you to kindly reason with the Authorities and obtain from them an assurance for unmolested free passage to lorries going from here to the Mysore District for Coffee (unmolested on their way up as well as on their way down).

"Thanking you",

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(2) Copy of communication dated 11th December 1944 from Mr.E.P. Hunt, Hoolihundloo Estate, Mudigere P.O., Kadur Dist., to the Controller of Coffee.

"Season 1944/45 coffee - Estate Reg.No.357/Kadur.

"This is to inform you that I sent a load of Coffee to Messrs. Volkart Bros.' Coffee Works, Mangalore, per lorry on the 10th morning (yesterday), as follows:-

Bushels	Description of coffee.	Bags	Weight per bl.	Remarks.
144	Parchment	48	33 lbs.	Way Bill No.1.
126	Cherry	42	30 lbs.	For curing and delivery to Pool.

"I wish to bring to your notice that the lorry No.MDX 781 which was sent here by Messrs.Volkart Bros, Mangalore, for transporting my coffee was commandeered by the Police authorities on the 9th instant to transport either Paddy or Rice from Gonibid to Kadur with the result that the lorry did not return here till the 10th instant morning and so transport and delivery of my Coffee was delayed. I am given to understand that the Government have special lorries deputed for the purpose of transporting grain. I have informed Messrs.Volkart Brothers about this also."

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(3) Copy of communication dated 29th December 1944 from Messrs. Volkart Brothers, Mangalore, to the District Magistrate, Kadur District, Chikmagalur (copy to (1) The Secretary to Govt. Home Dept., Madras; (2) The District Magistrate of S.Canara, Mangalore; (3) The Secretary, Central Road Traffic Board, Chepauk, Madras; (4) Secretary, Road Traffic Board, S.Kanara, Mangalore

P.t.o.

(5) The Controller of Coffee, Indian Coffee Board, Bangalore and (6) The Secretaries, Mangalore Curers' Association, Mangalore).

"Transport from Coffee Estates in Mysore to Mangalore - and vice-versa:

"We sent on 28th instant to the Treasury at Chikmagalur through A. Appu (who is a member of our staff) the necessary money for payment of Tax and renewal of Permit for the quarter 1.1.1945 to 31.3.1945 for our lorries MDX 683 and MDX 742. Payment was refused on the plea that our permits will not be renewed, unless we agree to each lorry making minimum 5 trips per month in the Mysore State on account of the Mysore Government. As this runs counter to your instructions issued in your letter No.J2.C.3066/44-45 of 15th instant to the District Superintendent of Police, Chikmagalur and other Officers, we have taken the liberty of putting our case before you in the hope that the Permits for the quarter ending 31.3.1945 for our two lorries will be renewed unconditionally without delay. Please confirm".

Copy of enclosure to above letter

"I reached the Treasury Office at Chikmagalur at 11 A.M. on 28th December 1944 and presented through the court peon our application for payment of tax for our lorries MDX 742 and 683 to the Asst. Treasury Officer at 12 noon.

"At 1.45 P.M. I was called to appear before the Asst.Treasury Officer and when I appeared before him he asked me whether we are prepared to lend the services of the above 2 lorries at least to make 5 trips every month to transport foodstuff within the Mysore State.

"I replied that I am unable to give a definite reply to his question as I have no authority from the owners of the above lorries to agree to the above demand.

"The Officer then replied that he is not prepared to receive the tax for both the lorries unless he gets a written agreement from the owners concerned to the effect that the above 2 lorries will be placed at the disposal of the Mysore Police to make 5 trips every month to transport foodstuff within the Mysore State. He refused to receive the tax even though I made a second request.

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

Section C

File No. 205-43

Serial No. 18

No. SW 6797 Cwel

To The D.S.

Sir

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In continuation of this office letter no SD 3695 C 205-43-9 dt 2-1-65, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of a letter no Ref no 38836 B/66-2 dt 10-1-65 from the Govt of Mysore, Home Deptt regarding Hire charges of Sri South Kanara lorries employed for transporting coffee from the estates in Mysore and have been requisitioned by the D.C. of Kodagu and Mysore for transporting food

Date of issue 15/1/65

Signed by Asst Secretary

List of enclosures.....

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Please kindly release and
I request you the 20 pages
as I favour Sent with your
views on the proposal in
Constitution with Mr
Des Nyaoro & Kamu who
are now in Bungoma for the
meeting of 9th & 10th

Thanks

Yours sincerely.
Secretary

10/2/15

SD.4797 /C.205-43-18. 10th February 5.

Development Deptt.(Food Supplies).

The Director of Food Supplies in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter No.SD.3695 C.205-43-9 dated 2-1-1945, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of a letter No.Ref.No.38836 B/44-2 dated 10-1-1945 from the Government of Madras, Home Department, requesting that such of the South Kanara lorries employed for transporting coffee from the estates in Mysore as have been requisitioned by the Deputy Commissioners of Kadur and Mysore for transporting foodgrains may be released and to request you to be so good as to favour Government with your views re: the proposal in consultation with the Deputy Commissioners of Mysore and Kadur who are now in Bangalore for the meeting of the Deputy Commissioners.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Secretary to Government,
Development Department.
(Food Supplies).

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Letter from the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Home Department, Ref.No.38836 B/44-2, dated the 10th January 1945.

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Motor vehicles - Lorries of the South Kanara district - Requisitioning by Mysore authorities.

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Messrs. Peirce Leslie and Company, Ltd., Mangalore, and Volkart Bros., Mangalore, have represented to the District Magistrate of South Kanara that South Kanara lorries employed for transporting coffee from the estates in Mysore to the Coffe Curing Houses at Mangalore are being commandeered by the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District, Mysore, and that this has caused serious dislocation of the transport of the crop. The District Magistrate of South Kanara reports that such commandeering has been going on off and on for some time and that he has sent a telegram to the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District, that this practice appeared objectionable.

2. I am directed to request that the Mysore Government may be moved to issue instructions to their authorities not to requisition lorries registered in Madras Presidency without reference to the District Magistrate of the District where they are registered. I am to add in this connection that the Madras Government have issued instructions to all their District Magistrates that motor vehicles registered in or belonging to residents of Indian States should not be requisitioned under the Defence of India Rules.

I am to ask that the Government of Mysore may be requested to release such lorries registered in the South Kanara district as have been requisitioned by their officers, as expeditiously as possible.

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No. Trc.3942/44 Office of the Director of Food Supplies in Mysore, Bangalore, Dated 22nd February 1945.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Development Department (Supplies), Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. SD.4797/C.25-43-18 dated 10th February 1945, asking for my views in the matter of release of lorries of South Canara coming into Mysore and Kadur districts for coffee transport and requisitioned by the Deputy Commissioners of those districts for food transport work, I have the honour to state that it is understood from the Deputy Commissioners of Mysore and Kadur districts who were here for the Officers' meeting on the 10th instant that no coffee lorries of South Canara have been either requisitioned or commandeered by them in their districts, for food transport work.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Director of Food Supplies.

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Requisitioning of lorries of the South Kanara Dist for goods transport work in Kadur Dist

Ap. 9552/C205-44-20

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(*Continuation sheet draft form.*)

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The D. C. Kadur Dist

Sir

In forwarding herewith a copy of letter no D Re. 3942/44 of 23. 2-45 from the D. S. on the above subject, I am directed to state that from the enclosed letter from the Secretary to the Government Home Deptt, it will be seen that messrs Peirce Leslie and Company Ltd, Mangalore & Volkart Bros, Mangalore have represented to the District Magistrate of South Kanara that South Kanara lorries employed for transporting coffee from the Estates in Mysore to the coffee curing houses at mangalore are being commandeered by you. It will also be

Area that the District magistrate
of South Kanara has reported that
such Commencement has been going on
off and on for some time and
that he has sent a telegram to
you in this connection.

I am also to send
herewith ~~the enclosed Copy of~~
a Copy of letter No 2812 of 2-2-43 dated
from the Contractor of Bolpe and
to enquire how in the face
of the specific instances of
Commencement of Work - Earth Cutting
above it could be maintained
that no Commencement
was reported to in the
Kasaragod Dist. A very early reply to this Communication
is requested

Thanks

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

SD.5527 /C.205-44-20. 7th March, 5.
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Development Deptt.(Food Supplies).

The Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District,
Chikmagalur.

Sir,

Subject:- Requisitioning of lorries of the South Kanara District for food transport work in Kadur Distt.

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In forwarding herewith a copy of letter No.T.R.C. 3942/44 dated 23-2-1945 from the Director of Food Supplies on the above subject, I am directed to state that from the enclosed letter from the Secretary to the Government of Madras Home Department, it will be seen that Messrs. Peirce Leslie an Company Ltd., Mangalore and Volkart Bros., Mangalore have represented to the District Magistrate of South Kanara that Sout. Kanara lorries employed for transporting coffee from the estat in Mysore to the Coffee Curing houses at Mangalore are being commandeered by you. It will also be seen that the District Magistrate of South Kanara has reported that such commandeering has been going on and off and on for some time and that he has sent a telegram to you in this connection.

I am also to send herewith a copy of letter No.2812 dated 2-2-1945 and its enclosure from the Controller of Coffee and to enquire how in the face of the specific instances of commandeering of these lorries cited above it could be maintained that no commandeering was resorted to in the Kadur District.

P.T.O.

District. A very early reply to this communication requested.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Secretary to Government,
Development Department.
(Food Supplies).

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C205-44-21

J2.C.3066/44-45. Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District,
Enc:- One. Chikmagalur, Dated 7th May 1945.

SUPPLIES 11 MAY 1945 D. No 6458/45

From

The Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate,
Kadur District, Chikmagalur.

To

The Secretary to Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Development Department (Food Supplies),
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.SD.5527/C.205-44-20 dated the 9th March 1945, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the letter No.C.F.339/44-45 dated 1-5-1945 received from the District Superintendent of Police, Kadur District, which speaks for itself and to say that no lorry of South Canara engaged in Coffee Transport has been commandeered and in only one or two instances, as reported by the District Superintendent of Police, MDx.781 which was going empty, the driver of the same agreed to run the lorry for transporting food on the request of the local authorities who were hard up for transport and as food had to be transported immediately.

2. In this connection, I wish to state that it is not exactly understood why the lorries of South Canara should be placed on a different footing so far as food transport is concerned, from the lorries of the District. Both the lorries pay the same road cess and are subject to the same law and so have to share the same responsibilities as they use up the road in the same manner. It is represented by the lorry owners residing in this District that the present direction of Government exempting the South Canara lorries from being made use of for food transport, operates as a great injustice to the local lorries as the local lorries will have to run more often for transporting food and less often for transporting coffee. If all the lorries are made equally liable for food work, the coffee transport is not going to suffer in any way as the local lorries will be engaged less for food transport and will be available more for coffee transport. I beg to request the Government to see their way to remove this distinction between South Canara lorries and local lorries in the matter of their being employed for purposes of food transport. I may add in this

this connection that at certain times, especially certain depots in Kalasa side and even certain plantations were almost reduced to the verge of starvation for want of facilities to transport food grains. I am highly indebted to the proprietors in charge of South Canara lorries who, on the request of the local officers concerned, have consented not to take advantage of the exemption given to them by the Government and have undertaken to transport food grains.

3. In this connection I may add that many of the lorries and especially those employed by M/s. Peirce Leslie & Co., and Volkart Bros., were under the impression that they can do anything they liked and that they had the support of their employers. Many of these lorries engaged by M/s. Volcart and Bros., were found to be carrying passengers when running empty and in some cases they were caught and prosecuted, and the company concerned was also informed. Further, as many of these lorries engaged were found to be transporting coffee illicitly stringent measures had to be taken and quite unnecessarily M/s. Peirce Leslie & Co., objected to the measures taken. It is only these two complainies which are agitating against the employment of South Kanara lorries for the purposes of food transport in this district and that were hitherto allowing illicit practices referred to above to take place.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

C. Madhava Rao
for Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District.

TSS.

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Letter No.CF.339/44-45 dated1st May 1945 from the District Superintendent of Police, Kadur District, Chikmagalur, to the District Magistrate, Kadur District.

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Kadur District Magistrate's No.C2.C.3066/44-45 dated 23-3-1945 regarding requisitioning of the S.K. lorries for food transport work in Kadur District.

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With reference to the above, I have the honour to state that it is reported by the Police Inspector, Mudigere that lorry No.MDX. 781 was employed on the 8th and 10th December 1944 for food transport work in this district with the consent of the persons in charge of the vehicle. Instructions are since issued to the Police Inspectors of taluks not to requisition the S.K.lorries for food transport work and no requisitioning of S.K.lorries is being resorted to now.

About the allegation that on the 28th Decr.44, the District Treasury, Chikmagalur refused to receive tax for renewal of permits in respect of lorries MDX.683 and 742 unless the persons in charge of these vehicles undertook to make a minimum number of five trips per month for food transport in this district, I have to state that I was in charge of the District Treasury, Chikmagalur, that day and no persons in charge of these vehicles approached me for renewal of permits, and the whole affair is a lie engineered by these persons to shield their unauthorised movements in this district and escape their master's wrath for wasting valuable time in loitering or otherwise.

In regard to the objection raised to the commandeering of lorries, I have to state that no commandeering was either ordered or done. The lorries were certainly engaged but with the consent of the persons in charge of the vehicles. Every lorry thus engaged has been paid for according to rules prescribed by Government in this behalf. This, therefore, is not commandeering. Further only a very few instances are on record whether such a procedure was adopted and S.K.lorries engaged. To be sure, this was resorted to a time when the food position was very precarious and there was no adequate transport available locally. Most of the district lorries were sick and sorry and several others were stranded for want of tyres and it was impossible to secure adequate transport facilities

to send food grains from distant parts of the district to rail heads for book sent to distant places like Bangalore and other cities where the food position was precarious and alarming indents were made from that end to rush in supplies.

Under those circumstances the action taken in this district has been very reasonable, modest and unavoidable.

Kind reference is also invited to this office No.Pet.248/44 dated 9-3-45 addressed to the Inspector General of Police in Mysore Bangalore through the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District, wherein a detailed report is made on all the points raised in the objection petition.

"COPY"

C. Medhal Rao

for ~~Etc.~~ DEPUTY COMMISSIONER &
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
KADUR DISTRICT.

Absent from Station

Tss.

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SUBJECT Requisitioning of lorries of the South Kanara Dist for food transport work in Kasaragod

Two copies

Diary No. of letter replied to

Section C
File No. 205-43
Serial No. 22

No. FD 7583

General and Revenue Secretariat

To.

the 29th May 1945

The D.C. Kadaur

Sir,

Date of issue 31.5.45

With reference to your letter No J2.c.3066/44-45 dt 7.5.45 on the above subject, I am directed to inform Sir that as the mysore State lorries are exempt from requisitioning in the Madras Province, the lorries registered in the South Kanara Dist should not be requisitioned for local purposes without Consulting the Dist Magistrate of South Kanara

Signed by Asst. Secy.

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Memo No. FD 7583/45 dt 31.5.45

Copy w/c to the D.S for information & necessary action

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SD.7583 / C205-43-22

30/21th May, 5.

Development Deptt.(Food Supplies).

The Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District,
Kadur.

Subject:- Requisitioning of lorries of the South Kanara District for food transport work in Kadur Distt.

With reference to your letter No. J2-0.3066/44-45 dated 7-5-1945 on the above subject, I am directed to state that as the Mysore State lorries are exempt from requisitioning in the Madras Province, the lorries registered in the South Kanara District should not be requisitioned for local purposes without consulting the District Magistrate of South Kanara.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(sd) C.S. Noronha,

Secretary to Government,
Development Dept.(Fd. Supplies).
Dated: 30-5-1945.

Memo No.SD.7584

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the Director of Food Supplies for information and necessary action.

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By Order,
Secretary to Government,
Development Deptt.(Fd. Supplies).

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SUBJECT Requisitioning of lorries of the South Kanara dist by Mysore & authorities

Diary No. of letter replied to 1/Transports Dy(Tpt) 30/5/45

Section

File No. 205-43

Serial No. 23

No. Sd 7586

General and Revenue Secretariat

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To.

The Secretary to the Govt of Mysore Revenue in Bangalore

Sir

Date of issue 31.5.45

Signed by Dr. D.S.S.

With reference to your memo/letter no 62-65-/gnd on the above subject, I am directed to state that necessary instructions have been issued to the D.C. Kanara not to requisition of for hospital purposes the lorries registered in the South Kanara dist for local purposes dist / without consulting the Dist magistrate of South Kanara

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I have the honour to be Sir Your most obedient servant

By Order

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